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COUNCIL AGENDA:

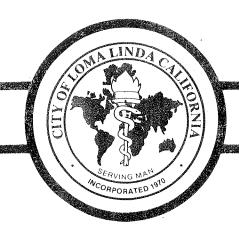
March 22, 2005

TO:

City Council

SUBJECT:

Proclamation - Record-A-Thon Week - April 18-23, 2005



CITY OF LOMA LINDA, CA

PROCLAMATION

"RECORDING FOR THE BLIND & DYSLEXIC'S RECORD-A-THON WEEK"

April 18 - 23, 2005

WHEREAS, more than a million people in the United States are legally blind and one out of every five Americans has a learning disability; and

WHEREAS, research in the field of print disabilities indicates that by grade four, without the benefit of recorded books, many students with print disabilities have already failed, reducing their self esteem and turning them into non-readers; and

WHEREAS, with a dropout rate of 35%, more than double that of students without print disabilities, students with print disabilities such as blindness or dyslexia can benefit greatly from recorded textbooks that help them to realize their goals for academic and professional achievement; and

WHEREAS, Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic (RFB&D), the nation's educational library for people with print disabilities, provides textbooks on tape and CD in every subject and grade level, read and recorded at the Santa Ana and Upland Studios by more than 5,800 volunteers, including 250 locally; and

WHEREAS, as part of the national effort to increase the number of recorded books available to its more than 137,000 members, Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic will hold its annual Record-A-Thon during the week of April 18, 2005, at the Inland Empire/Orange County Unit;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Karen Gaio Hansberger, Mayor of the City of Loma Linda, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim the week of April 18 – 23, 2005

"RECORDING FOR THE BLIND & DYSLEXIC'S RECORD-A-THON WEEK"

and urge all citizens to join in recognizing and supporting RFB&D's unique work to make education accessible to all students, regardless of disability.